

REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing amendment is respectfully requested. The amendment places the application in condition for allowance and is, therefore, appropriate under Rule 116.

By the present amendment, claim 34 is canceled. Claim 20 is amended to eliminate an alleged indefiniteness therein.

Based on the foregoing amendments and the following remarks, the application is deemed to be in condition for allowance and action to that end is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, the Examiner requested to explain how the spring can hold the catch hook when the spring is designed to bias the catch hook to the closing position. As explained in the specification (page 8, first complete paragraph), the spring (17) always biases the catch hook (12) to the closing position. Fig. 1 shows an open position of the catch hook (12). The catch hook (12) is prevented from displacement into the closing position by the guide element (9) which the first final stop (14') engages a result of the spring (17)

pulling the hook (12) into the closing position. In other words, the spring (17) holds the hook (17) in its opening position by pulling it, together with the segment 14, against the guide element (9). Claim 20 is amended to clarify that functioning of the spring (17). It is respectfully submitted that the foregoing amendment of claim 20 overcomes the rejection of the claim 20 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

It is further respectfully submitted that claim 20 and claims 21-33 dependent on claim 20 are in condition for allowance.

Claim 20 was indicated as being allowable upon having been amended or rewritten to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. It is respectfully submitted that claim 20, having been amended as discussed above comply with all of the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112 and is allowable.

Claims 21-33, dependent on claim 20, were also indicated as being allowable upon claim 20 becoming allowable.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now pending in the application, namely, claims 20-33 are in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance, and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner require or consider it advisable that the specification, claims and/or drawing be further amended or corrected in formal respects in order to place in case in condition for final allowance, it is respectfully requested that such amendment or correction be carried out by Examiner's Amendment and the case passed issue. Alternatively, should the

Examiner feel that a personal discussion might be helpful in advancing this case to allowance, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully Submitted



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